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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) (A/C.5/48/40, paras. 9-13).

2. The General Assembly, by its resolution 47/205 of 22 December 1992, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for UNIFIL at a rate not to exceed $12,190,000 gross ($11,931,500 net) per month for the period beginning 1 February 1993, should the Security Council decide to continue the Force beyond the period of six months authorized under its resolution 768 (1992). In addition, this amount was to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the resolution. The Security Council, by its resolutions 803 (1993) of 28 January 1993 and 852 (1993) of 28 July 1993, extended the mandate of UNIFIL for two consecutive periods of six months each, the first until 31 July 1993 and the second until 31 January 1994.

3. With regard to the action to be taken by the General Assembly at the present time in connection with the financing of the operation, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary-General be authorized to enter into commitments in an amount up to $24 million gross ($23.5 million net) for the period from 1 February to 31 March 1994 inclusive, should the Security Council decide to extend the Force beyond 31 January 1994, and that this amount be assessed.

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